Amendments in the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of playing a card game ~~among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker. The method~~ comprising the following steps:

    (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus at least one Joker; <u>wherein each said Joker can be used as an Ace, or to form a Straight or Flush;</u>

    (b) each Player placing either a Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager <u>betting on the content of the Player's hand</u> or a Poker Bet wager <u>betting against the Banker's hand</u>, or both;

    (c) dealing cards into enough dealt hands of seven cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;

    (d) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;

    (e) from their own seven-card dealt hand, each Player and the Banker selecting their own best 5-card poker hand and discarding two other cards;

    (f) determining whether each Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager wins or loses, if any; <u>wherein a Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is a pair of Aces, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, Royal Flush or 5 Aces; wherein this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of aforesaid winning hands;</u>

    (g) setting each Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager with the Banker;

    (h) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties ~~and setting each Player's Poker Bet wager with the Banker~~, if any; <u>wherein each Player's best 5-card poker hand is compared to the Banker's according to the rankings of the Poker</u>

Bet game from the highest rank to the lowest rank as follows: 5 Aces, Royal Flush, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair, and High Card; Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2; and

(i) ~~determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, and~~ setting each Player's Poker Bet wager with the Banker~~, if any~~.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the card game of the invention uses one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus one Joker; wherein the Joker may be used as an Ace, or to form a Straight or Flush.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein the Player's winning Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager is paid Even Money, namely ~~(1 to 1)~~, on a hand of Two Pair or better; and is paid one and one half of the wager, namely ~~(3 to 2)~~, on a hand that has two or more Aces in either the Player's best 5-card poker hand or the Player's seven dealt cards.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein the Player's winning Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager is paid Even Money, namely ~~(1 to 1)~~, on a hand of a pair of Aces, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight or Flush, and is paid 5 to 2 on a hand of Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, Royal Flush or 5 Aces.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim ~~7~~ 1, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling

with the Banker ~~are~~ is determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses~~,~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses~~,~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins, and is paid neither Even Money, namely ~~(1 to 1)~~, if the Banker's losing hand is King-Queen or better, or one half of the wager, namely ~~(1 to 2)~~, if the Banker's losing hand is King-Jack or lower.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim ~~7~~ 1, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker ~~are~~ is determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses~~,~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses~~,~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins, and is paid neither Even Money, namely ~~(1 to 1)~~, or one half of the wager, namely ~~(1 to 2)~~, if the Banker's losing hand is a predetermined ranking hand or ~~a~~ lower ~~ranking hand~~.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim ~~7~~ 1, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker ~~are~~ is determined as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is ~~'not'~~ not a qualifying hand of King-Queen or better ~~(a King-Queen-high hand or a better hand)~~, this wager wins and is paid one half of the wager, namely ~~(1 to 2)~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, this wager loses~~,~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, two hands push and this wager neither wins or loses~~,~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's best 5-car poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely ~~(1 to 1)~~.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim ~~7~~1, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker ~~are~~ is determined as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is ~~'not'~~ not a qualifying hand of a predetermined ranking hand or ~~a~~ better ~~ranking hand~~, this wager wins and is paid one half of the wager, namely ~~(1 to 2)~~, if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, this wager loses~~,~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, two hands push and this wager neither wins or loses~~,~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely ~~(1 to 1)~~.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim ~~7~~1, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker ~~are~~ is determined as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is ~~'not'~~ not a qualifying hand of a predetermined ranking hand or ~~a~~ better ~~ranking hand~~, this wager pushes and ~~no money is won or lost~~ neither wins nor loses~~,~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, this wager loses~~,~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses~~,~~; ~~If~~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand of the predetermined ranking hand or better, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely ~~(1 to 1)~~.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim ~~7~~ 1, wherein ~~the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and~~ the Player's Poker Bet wager settling

with the Banker are determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses~; ~If~ if the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses~; ~If~ if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker_'s_, this wager wins, and is paid Even Money, namely ~(~1 to 1~)~, less a certain percent of commission.

Claim 14 (original): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Joker may be used as any card.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim ~7~1, wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein each Player and the Banker may receive their own hand in either one of the following fashions:
    (a) they receive their own seven cards and no community ~cards~ card;
    (b) they receive their own six cards and one community card;
    (c) they receive their own five cards and two community cards;
    (d) they receive their own four cards and three community cards;
    (e) they receive their own three cards and four community cards;
    (f) they receive their own two cards and five community cards;
    (g) they receive their own one card and six community cards; and
    (h) they receive no card their own and seven community cards;

Claim 17 (new): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein A2345 is the 2nd highest Straight.

Claim 18 (new): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses; if the Player's and the Banker's

best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses; if the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins, and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1, less a 5% commission.

Claim 19 (new claim): The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the card game of the invention uses one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus one Joker; wherein the Joker may be used as any card.